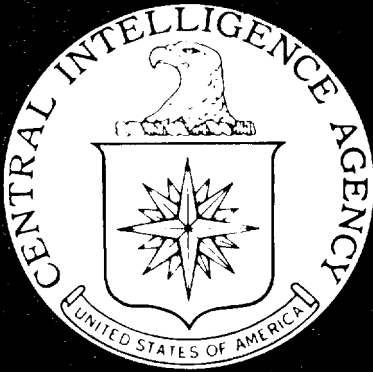


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PI NOTES, A PUBLICATION OF CIA/IMAGERY ANALYSIS DIVISION, HIGHLIGHTS SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE ITEMS DERIVED FROM PHOTOGRAPHY, AS WELL AS CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE "PI" FIELD.

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IAD DEVELOPMENTS

During a meeting in the office of the DDI on 14 December 1965, [REDACTED] was briefed by Messrs. [REDACTED] on the infiltration activity noted on aerial photography of the Laos panhandle. It was brought to [REDACTED] attention that the area including southeastern Laos, northeastern Cambodia, and Kontum Province, South Vietnam, is heavily saturated with infiltration routes (roads and trails), bivouac areas, staging areas, rest and refuel points, storage areas, training camps, and suspicious areas connected with the infiltration of South Vietnam. Maps, photo enlargements, and perspective drawings were presented to illustrate the intelligence more clearly.

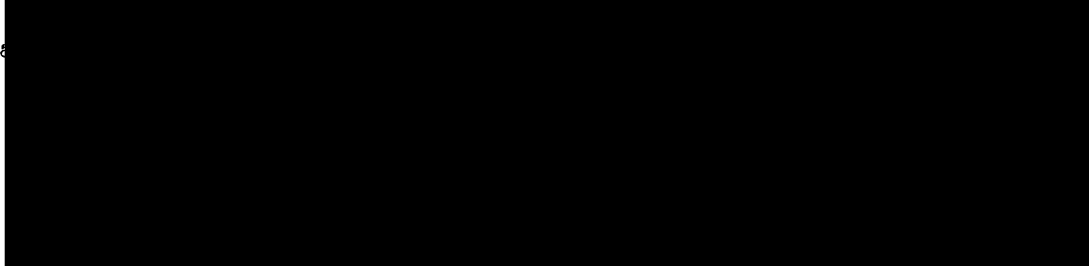
A photographic intelligence report covering this area has been prepared by IAD and is being published as CIA PIR 67118. (CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN DISSEM [REDACTED])

IAD's reply to the "Survey Questionnaire, November 1965" (PI NOTES, 4 November 1965), intended to survey PI activities throughout the intelligence community, has just been completed. This exercise revealed the following about IAD reporting during Fiscal Year 1965:

1. IAD produced 1,504 imagery reports in three broad categories:
 - A. 949 detailed reports of all types except those for DDP and those in the Military OB series for ORR,
 - B. 410 reports for DDP, and
 - C. 145 OB worksheet reports on the Turkestan and Far East Military Districts of the USSR.

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USSR

A suspect helium extraction plant has been located from KEYHOLE photography at approximately 49-33N 36-38E near the town of Andreyevka Vtoraya, USSR, along the rail line from and approximately twelve nautical miles west-northwest of Balakleya. Although the Soviets have apparently been working on a process to extract helium from natural gas for several years, no helium plant locations have been established. Facilities present at this site include probable processing towers, various types of storage tanks, a flare tower, two probable water reservoirs, and miscellaneous buildings. The major natural gas fields at Shebelinka lie only a few miles from this suspect helium extraction plant. (TOP SECRET RUFF)

CHINA

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Good-quality photographic coverage of the Hengyang area in China was obtained from [REDACTED]. Continued expansion of the uranium ore concentration plant (26-47N 112-38E) was revealed by the enclosure of the southeast construction area within the security wall. The rail spur previously seen under construction and leading to a possible receiving building is complete and appears to go through the building. A possible weighing scale for railroad cars is evident at the east entrance. A new overhead small-diameter pipeline leading northwest to the main plant area is also evident. Eight railway cars on this siding are covered or filled with a rounded light-toned material. Two newly identified AAA sites are located southwest and east of the plant. One previous AAA site south of the plant appears abandoned. The last good coverage of the plant was [REDACTED]

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Approximately 22 partially buried tanks are under construction along a two-track siding 1.5 nautical miles east of the ore concentration plant. Railway cars are on the siding. The function of the tanks is not apparent.

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Good vertical coverage of the probable underground mining area (26-58N 112-48E) 11 nautical miles northeast of Hengyang revealed continued expansion of the waste piles, particularly at the two newest shafts. Probable personnel trenches were noted for the first time at the mining area.

Two separate processing plants (26-53N 112-35E) located on the east edge of Hengyang may possibly be significant as support facilities for the uranium ore concentration plant. A small road-served chemical plant may be capable of acid production. The other rail-served area has some indications of a calcium or magnesium reduction plant. Neither plant area appears newly constructed. (SECRET NO FOREIGN DISSEM [REDACTED])

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